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In re Application of: Nomi et al.

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For: Waterproof, Moisture Permeable Composite  
Film and Waterproof, Moisture Permeable  
Laminate Sheet

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were rejected in an Office Action dated October 3, 2003. Applicants appreciate the entry of the amendments submitted in applicants' last communication dated August 8, 2003, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

I. The Claims Are Neither Disclosed Nor Suggested by the Cited References

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Worden et al. (US 4,443,511) substantially for the reasons set forth in Section 3 of Paper No. 7, together with the added observations in the Action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

It was stated in the Office Action that applicants' amendments and arguments concerning the contours of the Worden et al. reference were not persuasive, "in that Figs. 2(b) and 4(a)-(c) of Worden clearly show the general outline of the surface of a porous hydrophobic film with a thin coat of hydrophilic resin,...and further, the surface is not featureless...". It was further stated that Figure 5(c) of Worden "shows a detailed SEM of a stretched coated sample at 7000X with clearly visible contours of the nodes and fibrils...".

Applicants agree that the surface shown in Figures 2(b) and 4(a)-(c) are not featureless. However, applicants submit that these features are not ones